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## ARMY RESPONDS TO CHEMICAL ALERT AT EDGEWOOD AREA OF APG

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – Army emergency responders have sealed the storage structure at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Edgewood Area's Chemical Agent Storage Yard where mustard agent was detected earlier this morning. Responders attached a portable chemical agent filter to the structure's ventilation system which serves as an engineering control to the building.

Installation chemical operations were initially curtailed. All installation operations now have resumed. The Army's Technical Escort Unit is continuing the investigation of the nature of the release.

Aberdeen Proving Ground emergency personnel responded to an alarm this morning in a storage structure containing mustard agent at the installation's Chemical Agent Storage Yard. The alarm indicated the presence of mustard vapor inside the structure. No agent has been detected outside the storage building.

Two Army responders were sent to the installation medical clinic for treatment due to heat exhaustion while wearing heavy protective clothing. After evaluation, one of them was transferred to Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air for further evaluation.

Additional details will be released as they are known.